

# APPENDIX TO PAPER 6

## THE De BROGLIE WAVES CONNECTION WITH THE EUCLIDEAN MODEL.

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Using the mathematical postulate,  $v = c \sin \phi$  , *Majernik* has shown the connection between important relativistic quantities for particles with de Broglie waves as follows:-

- **de Broglie phase waves**

The  $x$  and  $t$  components of the 4-velocity are  $v_1 = \gamma v$  and  $v_4 = \gamma c$ . Substituting  $v = c \sin \phi$  and  $\gamma = \sec \phi$  , then  $v_1 = c \tan \phi$  and  $v_4 = c \sec \phi$ . Since  $\sec^2 \phi - \tan^2 \phi = 1$ , thus  $v_4^2 - v_1^2 = c^2$ , showing that the 4-velocity vector magnitude is invariant under Lorentz transformation. Also

$$E = \gamma m_o c^2 = m_o c^2 (\sec \phi)$$

and

$$p = \gamma m_o v = m_o c (\tan \phi)$$

Again using the above trigonometric relationship,  $E^2 - p^2 c^2 = (m_o c^2)^2$

Using the Einstein and de Broglie ‘connections’

$$E = h \nu \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

$$\text{and } p = h / \lambda \dots\dots\dots [2]$$

From [2], the wavelength associated with a particle of rest mass  $m_o$  may be written as

$$\lambda = (h/m_o c)(\cot \phi) = \lambda_o (\cot \phi) \dots\dots\dots [3]$$

where  $\lambda_o = h/m_o c$  is the Compton wavelength of  $m_o$ .

From [1], the frequency  $\nu$  of this phase wave is

$$\nu = mc^2/h = (m_o c^2/h) (\sec \phi) = \nu_o (\sec \phi) \dots\dots [4]$$

where a ‘Compton frequency’  $\nu_o = m_o c^2/h$  is defined in analogy with the Compton wavelength  $\lambda_o$ .

Noting that  $\lambda_o v_o = c$ , the phase velocity  $v_{ph}$  of the de Broglie phase wave may be written as

$$v_{ph} = \lambda v = c (\operatorname{cosec} \phi) \dots\dots\dots [5]$$

For completeness, the group velocity of the phase wave is also calculated,

$$v_{gr} = \frac{dv}{dk} \dots\dots\dots [6], \text{ where } k \text{ is the wavenumber } k = 1/\lambda.$$

By using [3],  $k$  can be expressed trigonometrically as

$$k = (\tan \phi) / \lambda_o = k_o (\tan \phi) \dots [7], \text{ where } k_o = 1/\lambda_o.$$

Since both  $v$  and  $k$  depend on the angle  $\phi$ , from [4] and [7], we can write

$$v_{gr} = \frac{(dv/d\phi)}{(dk/d\phi)} = c (\sin \phi) \dots\dots [8]$$

This is identical to the mathematical postulate  $v = c (\sin \phi)$  because the group velocity of the de Broglie waves corresponds to particle velocity  $v$ .

The internal consistency of the trigonometric approach is further verified by multiplying  $v_{ph}$  and  $v_{gr}$  (eqns [5] & [8]) which should yield  $c^2$ .

$$v_{ph} v_{gr} = c (\operatorname{cosec} \phi) c (\sin \phi) = c^2.$$

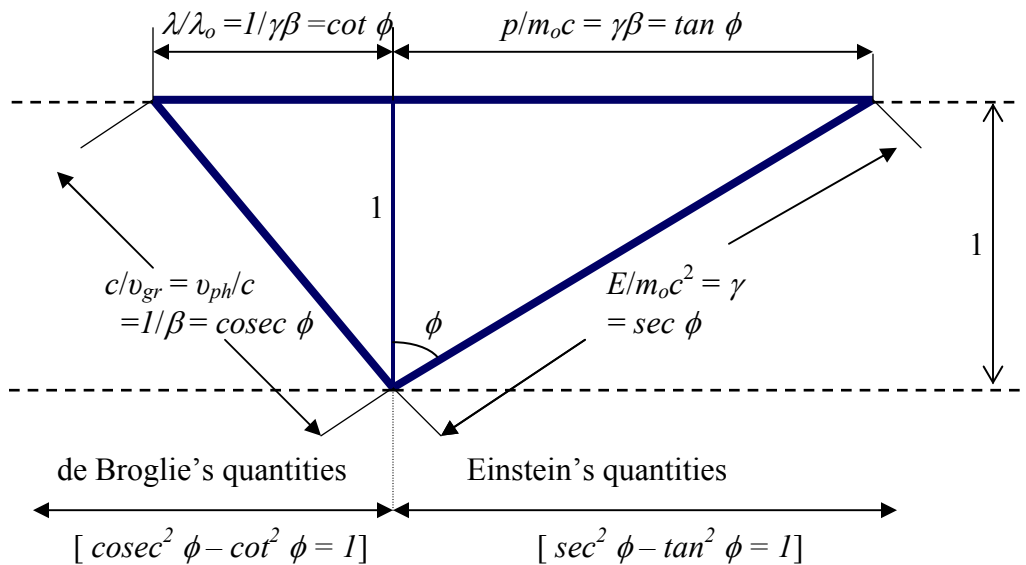
Similarly as in the case of particle dynamics which yields  $E^2 - p^2 c^2 = (m_o c^2)^2$ , the trigonometric identity  $\sec^2 \phi - \tan^2 \phi = 1$ , yields the relativistic dispersion relation for de Broglie waves,

$$(v/v_o)^2 - (k/k_o)^2 = 1$$

or  $v^2 = c^2(k_o^2 + k^2)$

• Graphical representation

The Einstein's and de Broglie's quantities are correlated graphically by a single diagram.



The simple graphical technique in the above diagram is an extension of the frequently used “mnemonic” right triangle with  $E$  as hypotenuse and  $pc$  and  $m_0c^2$  as its sides. The diagram shows the correlation of the relativistic particle quantities with the corresponding de Broglie quantities. From trigonometric identities and/or Pythagorean theorem, a number of basic relationships may be derived directly from this diagram.

Not shown in the figure are the components of the 4-velocity,  $v_1$  &  $v_4$ . Associating these quantities with the appropriate segments of the right angled triangle, the invariance relationship  $v_4^2 - v_1^2 = c^2$  can be obtained directly from the figure.

Note :

The data shows the orientation angle  $\phi$  in the euclidean diagram has an intimate relationship with both the above quantities. In *Paper 6*, the connection between the (a) velocity in space  $v_s$  and velocity in time  $v_t$  and (b) momentum  $p$  and energy  $E$  of a frame is given by  $\sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi = 1$  and  $\sec^2 \phi - \tan^2 \phi = 1$  respectively. The connection between  $\lambda/\lambda_0$  and  $c/v_{gr} = v_{ph}/c$  is again given by the trigonometric identity  $\text{cosec}^2 \phi - \cot^2 \phi = 1$ . Alternatively these connections may be expressed as a function of the space-time angle  $\theta$  as  $\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$  ;  $\text{cosec}^2 \theta - \cot^2 \theta = 1$  and  $\sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta = 1$  respectively.

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